


REMARKS

Claims 1-44 and 109-123 are pending in the Application. The Examiner has made a restriction requirement, restricting the Claims into two groups, with Group I comprising Claims 1-44 and Group II comprising Claims 109-123.

To further business interests, Applicants have elected the Claims in Group II, *i.e.*, Claims 109-123, without traverse. Claims 1-44 are canceled herein without prejudice in view of the present restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in one or more Divisional Applications.

Dated: May 22, 2006

By: 
Mary Ann Brow
Registration No. 42,363

MEDLEN & CARROLL, LLP
101 Howard Street, Suite 350
San Francisco, California 94105
415.904.6500